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Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly

Detailed labour force data collected on a quarterly basis

Reference period August 2019

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Main features

Data from the monthly Labour Force Survey are released in two stages. The [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery](#) (<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/PrimaryMainFeatures/6291.0.55.001?OpenDocument>) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001) and Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003) are part of the second release, and include detailed data not contained in the [Labour Force, Australia](#) (<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6202.0>) (cat. no. 6202.0) product set, which is released one week earlier.

The [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery](#) (<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/PrimaryMainFeatures/6291.0.55.001?OpenDocument>) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001) is released monthly. Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003) includes data only collected in February, May, August and November (including industry and

occupation).

Since these products are based on the same data as the [Labour Force, Australia \(https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6202.0\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6202.0) (cat. no. 6202.0) publication, the [Labour Force, Australia - Explanatory Notes \(https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSSTATS/abs@.nsf/exnote/6202.0\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSSTATS/abs@.nsf/exnote/6202.0) (cat. no. 6202.0) are relevant to both releases.

Insights from the original data

Sample composition

The Labour Force Survey sample can be thought of as comprising eight sub-samples (or rotation groups), with each sub-sample remaining in the survey for eight months, and one rotation group "rotating out" each month and being replaced by a new group "rotating in". This sample rotation is important in ensuring that seven-eighths of the sample are common from one month to the next, to ensure that changes in the estimates reflect real changes in the labour market, rather than the sample. In addition, the replacement sample is generally selected from the same geographic areas as the outgoing one, as part of a representative sampling approach.

When considering movements in the original estimates, it is possible to decompose the sample into three components:

- the matched common sample (survey respondents who responded in both July and August);
- the unmatched common sample (survey respondents who responded in August but who did not respond in July, or vice versa); and
- the incoming rotation group (survey respondents who replaced respondents who rotated out in July).

The detailed decomposition of each of these movements is included in the data cube 'Insights From the Original Data'.

In considering the three components of the sample, it is important to remember that the matched common sample describes the change observed for the same respondents in July and August, while the other two components reflect differences between the aggregate labour force status of different groups of people.

While the rotation groups are designed to be representative of the population, the outgoing and incoming rotation groups will almost always have somewhat different characteristics, as a result of the groups representing a sample of different households and people. The design

of the survey, including the weighting and estimation processes, ensures that these differences are generally relatively minor and seeks to ensure that differences in characteristics of rotation groups do not affect the representativeness of the survey and its estimates. Monthly estimates are always designed to be representative of their respective months, regardless of the relative contribution of the three components of the sample.

Incoming rotation group

In original terms, the incoming rotation group in August 2019 had a higher employment to population ratio than the group it replaced (62.4% in August 2019, compared to 61.9% in July 2019), and higher than the sample as a whole (62.3%). The incoming rotation group had a lower full-time employment to population ratio than the group it replaced (41.2% in August 2019, compared to 42.3% in July 2019), and was lower than the sample as a whole (42.4%).

The unemployment rate of the incoming rotation group was higher than the group it replaced (5.9% in August 2019, compared to 5.5% in July 2019) and was higher than the sample as a whole (5.3%). The participation rate was higher than the group it replaced (66.3% in August 2019, compared to 65.5% in July 2019) and higher than the sample as a whole (65.8%).

Outgoing rotation group

In looking ahead to the September 2019 estimates, in original terms, the outgoing rotation group in August 2019, that will be replaced by a new incoming rotation group in September 2019, had a lower employment to population ratio (61.7% in August 2019) compared to the sample as a whole (62.3%). The full-time employment to population ratio (43.3%) has a higher ratio than the sample as a whole (42.4%).

The outgoing rotation group had the same unemployment rate in August 2019 (5.3%) compared to the sample as a whole (5.3%). The participation rate of the outgoing rotation group in August 2019 (65.2%) was lower than the sample as a whole (65.8%).

The importance of trend data

As the gross flows and rotation group data are presented in original terms they are not directly comparable to the seasonally adjusted and trend data discussed elsewhere in the commentary, and are included to provide additional information for the original data. Since the original data are unadjusted, they have a considerable level of inherent sampling variability, which is specifically adjusted for in the trend series. The trend data provides the best measure of the underlying behaviour of the labour market and is the focus of the commentary in this publication.

Rotation group analysis for states and territories

In addition to analysis across the entire sample, the ABS also undertakes similar analysis for the responding sample in each state and territory each month, and highlights where there is a notable change for users to be aware of. For example, in the release of July 2018 data, on 16 August 2018, the ABS noted that "the rotation group effects in July 2018 were most pronounced in Queensland, Tasmania and the ACT".

As for its reporting for the entire sample, where the ABS has not highlighted a notable incoming rotation group effect, any larger changes should therefore be considered to reflect a broader change across the sample.

Article archive

This section provides an archive of articles and analysis published in [Labour Force, Australia \(https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6202.0\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6202.0) (cat. no. 6202.0) and [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery \(https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6291.0.55.001\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6291.0.55.001) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001) and Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003), promoting the effective use of labour force statistics. Articles are sorted by publication month.

Articles on labour related topics are also available in [Australian Labour Market Statistics \(https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6105.0\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6105.0) (cat. no. 6105.0) and [Australian Social Trends \(https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4102.0\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4102.0) (cat. no. 4102.0)

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ABS Labour Statistics: A broad range of information (cat. no. [6202.0 \(https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/6202.0main+features7Jul%202019\)\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/6202.0main+features7Jul%202019)

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March

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January

How many people work one hour per week? (cat. no. [6202.0 \(https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/6202.0Main%20Features3Jan%202019\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/6202.0Main%20Features3Jan%202019))

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Underemployment in Australia (cat. no. [6202.0 \(https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/6202.0main+features10September%202018\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/6202.0main+features10September%202018))

June

Information Paper: Labour Force Survey Sample Design, July 2018 (cat. no. [6269.0 \(https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6269.0\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/6269.0))

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RQ1 - Employed persons by industry division of main job (ANZSIC), labour market region (ASGS) and sex, annual averages of the preceding four quarters, year to August 1999 onwards (pivot table)

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